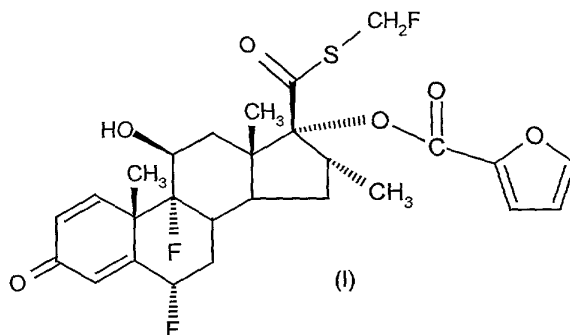


CLAIMS

1. A pharmaceutical aerosol formulation comprising (i) a compound of formula (I)



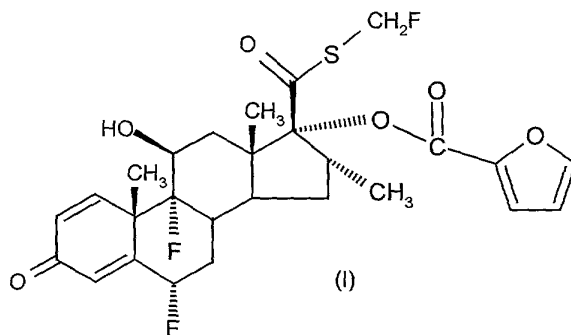
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or a solvate thereof as medicament, (ii) a liquified hydrofluoroalkane (HFA) gas as propellant; and characterised in that the compound of formula (I) or a solvate thereof is completely dissolved in the formulation.

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2. A formulation according to claim 1 which contains a hydroxy containing co-solvent liquid as solubilising agent.
3. A formulation according to claim 2 wherein the solubilising agent is ethanol.
4. A formulation according to claim 1 further comprising a low volatility component.
5. A formulation according to claim 4 wherein the low volatility component is glycerol.
6. A formulation according to claim 1 wherein the propellant gas is 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane.
7. A pharmaceutical aerosol formulation according to claim 1 comprising (i) a compound of formula (I)

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or a solvate thereof as medicament, (ii) 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane as propellant, (iii) a solubilising agent to assist the solubilisation of the medicament in the propellant and (iv) optionally a low volatility component; characterised in that the compound of formula (I) or a solvate thereof is completely dissolved in the formulation.

8. A formulation according to claim 7 which contains ethanol as solubilising agent and glycerol as low volatility component.
9. A formulation according to claim 1 wherein the solubilising agent is an oligolactic acid or derivative thereof.
10. A formulation according to claim 9 wherein the solubilising agent is a compound of formula (IIA)

$$\text{CH}_3\text{-CO-[O-CH(CH}_3\text{)-CO]}_n\text{-OH} \quad (\text{IIA})$$
 or a derivative thereof, wherein n is an integer from 3 to 15.
11. A canister comprising a container containing a formulation according to claim 1 and fitted with a metering valve.
12. A canister comprising a container containing a formulation according to claim 7 and fitted with a metering valve.
13. A canister comprising a container containing a formulation according to claim 9 and fitted with a metering valve.
14. A metered dose inhaler comprising a canister according to claim 11 fitted with an actuator adapted for topical administration of the formulation to the lung.
15. A metered dose inhaler comprising a canister according to claim 11 fitted with an actuator adapted for topical administration of the formulation to the nose.
16. A metered dose inhaler comprising a canister according to claim 12 fitted with an actuator adapted for topical administration of the formulation to the lung.
17. A metered dose inhaler comprising a canister according to claim 12 fitted with an actuator adapted for topical administration of the formulation to the nose.
18. A metered dose inhaler comprising a canister according to claim 13 fitted with an actuator adapted for topical administration of the formulation to the lung.
19. A metered dose inhaler comprising a canister according to claim 13 fitted with an actuator adapted for topical administration of the formulation to the nose.